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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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First Named Inventor	Shannon, Karen W.
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Group Art Unit	1631
Examiner Name	Negin, Russell Scott

Title: "METHODS FOR EVALUATING OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PROBE

SEQUENCES"

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 15, 2008 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due by August 15, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.